

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, Ethics Board Meeting Minutes

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

Board Chair Christian B. Flores called to order a meeting of the Ethics Board at 2:04 p.m. on May 16, 2017, in Room 203-R of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

The Ethics Board Executive Director, Stephanie Hunnicutt, conducted a roll call. The following Board Members were present: Christine Hansen, Cynthia Herber, Howard Schnoll, Christopher Meuler, and Christian B. Flores.

Clarence Nicholas joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of February 7, 2017

Mr. Schnoll moved, Mr. Meuler seconded, and the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 Ethics Board meeting.

3.0 Introduction of new Board Members

Mr. Flores introduced and welcomed new Board members, Christine Hansen and Cynthia Herber.

4.0 Report of the Executive Director

Stephanie Hunnicutt, Executive Director, and the Board discussed Ethics online training updates, 2017 Statement of Economic Interests filing status and enforcement of M.C.G.O. 9.03(4)(b).

4.1 Lobbying Reports from County Clerk, George Christianson

These items were informational only. There was no action taken by the Board.

4.2 Ethics Online Training Update

Ms. Hunnicutt reported that, in the course of meetings with Human Resources and the County Executive's Office, it was determined to wait for the County Administrative Manual of Operating Procedures to be updated and distributed, thus incorporating the training into County procedures.

4.3 Statement of Economic Interests Online Filing Update

Ms. Hunnicutt reported that the online filing project has not made progress since the last meeting as IMSD has converted to a new software program and the project is currently being reviewed for strategy and implementation.

4.4 Formal Opinion re: Enforcing 9.03(4)(b) for Late SEI Filings

Ms. Hunnicutt and the Board discussed the enforcement of 9.03(4)(b) and determined to continue discussion concerning its formal opinion in closed session.

5.0 **Closed Session**

At 2:14 p.m., Mr. Meuler moved, Ms. Hansen seconded, and the Board voted 6-0 to go into closed session.

19.85 (1) (f) The Board may investigate charges against specific persons.

19.85 (1) (g) The Board may confer with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy.

19.85(1) (h) The Board's deliberations on requests for advice under the ethics code shall be in closed session.

At 6:09 p.m., after discussion in closed session, Mr. Meuler moved, Mr. Schnoll seconded, and the Board voted (6-0) to reconvene in open session.

6.0 **Adjournment**

Mr. Meuler moved, Mr. Nicholas seconded, and the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Stephanie Hunnicutt
Executive Director, Ethics Board